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AMENDMENTS TO LB 449

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following

- 2 new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 32-208, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 5 32-208 The election commissioner in counties having a
- 6 population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants shall be a
- 7 registered voter, a resident of such county for at least one year,
- 8 and of good moral character and integrity and capacity. No person
- 9 who is a candidate for any elective office or is a deputy, clerk,
- 10 or employee of any person who is a candidate for any elective
- 11 office shall be eligible for the office of election commissioner.
- 12 The election commissioner shall not hold any other elective office
- 13 and shall not be eligible to any elective office or to become a
- 14 candidate for an elective office during his or her term of office
- or within six months after leaving office. An election commissioner
- 16 may be appointed to an elective office during his or her term of
- 17 office as election commissioner, and acceptance of such appointment
- 18 shall be deemed to be his or her resignation from the office of
- 19 <u>election commissioner.</u>
- 20 Sec. 2. Section 32-305, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 21 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 22 32-305 (1) Any registered voter may apply to the election
- 23 commissioner or county clerk to be appointed as a deputy registrar

1 for the purpose of registering voters. The application form shall

- 2 be prescribed by the election commissioner, county clerk, or
- 3 Secretary of State. The election commissioner or county clerk shall
- 4 make training available for deputy registrars in the county he
- 5 or she serves. The deputy registrar shall notify the election
- 6 commissioner or county clerk of the location and time of proposed
- 7 voter registration and the names and party affiliations of the
- 8 deputy registrars. at least seventy-two hours prior to required
- 9 publication deadlines. The election commissioner or county clerk,
- 10 at his or her discretion, may approve or disapprove the deputy
- 11 registrar's plans for voter registration and shall notify the
- 12 deputy registrar of such decision.
- 13 (2) Any person appointed as a deputy registrar shall
- 14 attend a training session conducted by an election commissioner
- 15 or county clerk. A person who attends and successfully completes
- 16 a training session after January 1, 1995, shall be qualified as
- 17 a deputy registrar for any county in the state and shall receive
- 18 a certificate verifying successful completion of the training and
- 19 indicating his or her qualification as a deputy registrar to
- 20 conduct registration in any county in the state.
- 21 (3) Before entering upon his or her duties, the deputy
- 22 registrar shall take and subscribe to the following oath:
- 23 You do solemnly swear that you will support the
- 24 Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Nebraska
- 25 and will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the
- 26 office of deputy registrar according to law and to the best of your
- 27 ability.

1 (4) Deputy registrars trained after January 1, 1995, 2 shall not be required to attend another training session In order to remain qualified to conduct voter registration as a deputy 3 4 registrar in any county in this state, a deputy registrar shall 5 complete a training session at least once every three years unless the Secretary of State determines that substantial changes have 6 7 occurred in the voter registration process requiring additional 8 training. The training session may vary in length but shall not 9 exceed four hours. The Secretary of State shall inspect and review 10 all training programs, procedures, and practices to assure that 11 they relate to the position of a deputy registrar and his or her 12 duties. (5) Any deputy registrar who violates any registration

- (5) Any deputy registrar who violates any registration procedure, rule, regulation, or guideline may have his or her status as a deputy registrar revoked by the election commissioner, county clerk, or Secretary of State.
- 17 Sec. 3. Section 32-312, Reissue Revised Statutes of 18 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 32-312 The registration application prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 32-311.01 shall provide the instructional statements and request the information from the applicant as provided in this section.
- 23 CITIZENSHIP—"Are you a citizen of the United States of
 24 America?" with boxes to check to indicate whether the applicant is
 25 or is not a citizen of the United States.
- 26 AGE—"Are you at least eighteen years of age or will you 27 be eighteen years of age on or before the first Tuesday following

1 the first Monday of November of this year?" with boxes to check to

- 2 indicate whether or not the applicant will be eighteen years of age
- 3 or older on election day.
- 4 WARNING-"If you checked 'no' in response to either of
- 5 these questions, do not complete this application.".
- 6 NAME—the name of the applicant giving the first and last
- 7 name in full, the middle name in full or the middle initial, and
- 8 the maiden name of the applicant, if applicable.
- 9 RESIDENCE—the name and number of the street, avenue, or
- 10 other location of the dwelling where the applicant resides if there
- 11 is a number. If the registrant resides in a hotel, apartment,
- 12 tenement house, or institution, such additional information shall
- 13 be included as will give the exact location of such registrant's
- 14 place of residence. If the registrant lives in an incorporated or
- 15 unincorporated area not identified by the use of roads, road names,
- 16 or house numbers, the registrant shall state the section, township,
- 17 and range of his or her residence and the corporate name of the
- 18 school district as described in section 79-405 in which he or she
- 19 is located.
- 20 POSTAL ADDRESS—the address at which the applicant
- 21 receives mail if different from the residence address.
- 22 ADDRESS OF LAST REGISTRATION—the name and number of the
- 23 street, avenue, or other location of the dwelling from which the
- 24 applicant last registered.
- 25 TELEPHONE NUMBERS—the telephone number of the applicant
- 26 at work and at home. At the request of the applicant, a designation
- 27 shall be made that the telephone number is an unlisted number,

1 and such designation shall preclude the listing of the applicant's

- 2 telephone number on any list of voter registrations.
- 3 EMAIL ADDRESS—an email address of the applicant. At the
- 4 request of the applicant, a designation shall be made that the
- 5 email address is private, and such designation shall preclude the
- 6 listing of the applicant's email address on any list of voter
- 7 registrations.
- 8 DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OR LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL
- 9 SECURITY NUMBER-if the applicant has a Nebraska driver's license,
- 10 the license number, and if the applicant does not have a Nebraska
- 11 driver's license, the last four digits of the applicant's social
- 12 security number.
- 13 DATE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION—the month, day,
- 14 and year when the applicant presented himself or herself for
- 15 registration or when the applicant completed and signed the
- 16 registration application if the application was submitted by mail
- 17 or delivered to the election official by the applicant's personal
- 18 messenger or personal agent.
- 19 PLACE OF BIRTH—show the state, country, kingdom, empire,
- 20 or dominion where the applicant was born.
- 21 DATE OF BIRTH-show the date of the applicant's birth.
- 22 The applicant shall be at least eighteen years of age or attain
- 23 eighteen years of age on or before the first Tuesday after the
- 24 first Monday in November to have the right to register and vote in
- 25 any election in the present calendar year.
- 26 REGISTRATION TAKEN BY-show the signature of the
- 27 authorized official or staff member accepting the application

1 pursuant to section 32-309 or 32-310 or at least one of the deputy

- 2 registrars taking the application pursuant to section 32-306, if
- 3 applicable.
- 4 PARTY AFFILIATION—show the party affiliation of the
- 5 applicant as Democrat, Republican, or Other or show
- 6 no party affiliation as Nonpartisan. (Note: If you wish to vote in
- 7 both partisan and nonpartisan primary elections for state and local
- 8 offices, you must indicate a political party affiliation on the
- 9 registration application. If you register without a political party
- 10 affiliation (nonpartisan), you will receive only the nonpartisan
- 11 ballots for state and local offices at primary elections. If you
- 12 register without a political party affiliation, you may vote in
- 13 partisan primary elections for congressional offices.)
- 14 OTHER—information the Secretary of State determines will
- 15 assist in the proper and accurate registration of the voter.
- 16 Immediately following the spaces for inserting
- 17 information as provided in this section, the following statement
- 18 shall be printed:
- To the best of my knowledge and belief, I declare under
- 20 penalty of election falsification that:
- 21 (1) I live in the State of Nebraska at the address
- 22 provided in this application;
- 23 (2) I have not been convicted of a felony or, if
- 24 convicted, it has been at least two years since I completed my
- 25 sentence for the felony, including any parole term;
- 26 (3) I have not been officially found to be non compos
- 27 mentis (mentally incompetent); and

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- 1 (4) I am a citizen of the United States.
- 2 Any registrant who signs this application knowing that
- 3 any of the information in the application is false shall be guilty
- 4 of a Class IV felony under section 32-1502 of the statutes of
- 5 Nebraska. The penalty for a Class IV felony is up to five years
- 6 imprisonment, a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both.
- 7 APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE—require the applicant to affix his
- 8 or her signature to the application.
- 9 Sec. 4. Section 32-606, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 10 Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:
- 11 32-606 (1) Any candidate may place his or her name on
- 12 the primary election ballot by filing a candidate filing form
- 13 prescribed by the Secretary of State as provided in section 32-607.
- 14 If a candidate for an elective office is an incumbent, the deadline
- 15 filing period for filing the candidate filing form shall be between
- 16 December 1 and February 15 prior to the date of the primary
- 17 election. No incumbent who resigns from elective office prior to
- 18 the expiration of his or her term shall file for any office after
- 19 February 15 of that election year. All other candidates shall file
- 20 for office by between December 1 and March 1 prior to the date of
- 21 the primary election. A candidate filing form may be transmitted
- 22 by facsimile for the offices listed in subdivision (1) of section
- 23 32-607 if (a) the transmission is received in the office of the
- 24 filing officer by the filing deadline and (b) the original filing
- 25 form is mailed to the filing officer with a legible postmark
- 26 bearing a date on or prior to the filing deadline and is in the
- 27 office of the filing officer no later than seven days after the

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1 filing deadline.

2 (2) Any candidate for a township office in a county under township organization, the board of trustees of a village, 3 4 the board of directors of a reclamation district, the county weed 5 district board, the board of directors of a public power district receiving annual gross revenue of less than forty million dollars, 6 7 the school board of a Class II school district, or the board of an 8 educational service unit may place his or her name on the general 9 election ballot by filing a candidate filing form prescribed by the 10 Secretary of State as provided in section 32-607. If a candidate for an elective office is an incumbent, the deadline filing period 11 for filing the candidate filing form shall be between December 12 13 1 and July 15 prior to the date of the general election. No 14 incumbent who resigns from elective office prior to the expiration 15 of his or her term shall file for any office after July 15 of 16 that election year. All other candidates shall file for office by 17 between December 1 and August 1 prior to the date of the general 18 election. A candidate filing form may be transmitted by facsimile 19 for the offices listed in subdivision (1) of section 32-607 if (a) the transmission is received in the office of the filing officer 20 21 by the filing deadline and (b) the original filing form is mailed 22 to the filing officer with a legible postmark bearing a date on or 23 prior to the filing deadline and is in the office of the filing 24 officer no later than seven days after the filing deadline. 25 (3) Any city having a home rule charter may provide for

26 filing deadlines for any person desiring to be a candidate for the 27 office of council member or mayor.

1 Sec. 5. Section 32-615, Reissue Revised Statutes of

- 2 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 3 32-615 Any candidate engaged in or pursuing a write-in
- 4 campaign shall file a notarized affidavit of his or her intent
- 5 together with the receipt for any filing fee with the filing
- 6 officer as provided in section 32-608 no earlier than December 1
- 7 and no later than ten days prior to the election. A candidate
- 8 who has been defeated as a candidate in the primary election or
- 9 defeated as a write-in candidate in the primary election shall not
- 10 be eligible as a write-in candidate for the same office in the
- 11 general election unless a vacancy on the ballot exists pursuant to
- 12 section 32-625. A candidate who files a notarized affidavit shall
- 13 be entitled to all write-in votes for the candidate even if only
- 14 the last name of the candidate has been written if such last name
- 15 is reasonably close to the proper spelling.
- 16 Sec. 6. Section 32-811, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 17 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 18 32-811 (1) If the names of candidates properly filed
- 19 for nomination at the primary election for directors of natural
- 20 resources districts, directors of public power districts, directors
- 21 of reclamation districts, members of the boards of governors of
- 22 community college areas, members of the boards of Class III or
- 23 Class V school districts which nominate candidates at a primary
- 24 election, and officers of cities of the first or second class
- 25 and cities having a city manager plan of government do not
- 26 exceed two candidates for each position to be filled, any such
- 27 candidates shall be declared nominated and their names shall not

1 appear on any primary election ballots. The official abstract of

- 2 votes kept by the county or state shall show the names of such
- 3 candidates with the statement Nominated Without Opposition. The
- 4 election commissioner or county clerk shall place the names of such
- 5 automatically nominated candidates on the general election ballot
- 6 as provided in section 32-814.
- 7 (2) Candidates shall not appear on the ballot in the
- 8 primary election for the board of directors in public power
- 9 districts receiving annual gross revenue of less than forty million
- 10 dollars, for county weed district boards, and for the board of
- 11 trustees in villages.
- 12 (3) If the number of candidates for delegates to a county
- 13 or national political party convention are the same in number or
- 14 less than the number of candidates to be elected, the names shall
- 15 not appear on the primary election ballot and those so filed shall
- 16 receive a certificate of election.
- 17 Sec. 7. Section 32-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 18 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 19 32-903 (1) The election commissioner or county clerk
- 20 shall create precincts composed of compact and contiguous territory
- 21 within the boundary lines of legislative districts. The precincts
- 22 shall contain not less than seventy-five nor more than one thousand
- 23 seven hundred fifty registered voters based on the number of
- 24 voters voting at the last statewide general election, except that
- 25 a precinct may contain less than seventy-five registered voters if
- 26 in the judgment of the election commissioner or county clerk it
- 27 is necessary to avoid creating an undue hardship on the registered

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voters in the precinct. The election commissioner or county clerk 1 2 shall create precincts based on the number of votes cast at the 3 immediately preceding presidential election or the current list 4 of registered voters for the precinct. The election commissioner 5 or county clerk shall revise and rearrange the precincts and 6 increase or decrease them at such times as may be necessary to 7 make the precincts contain as nearly as practicable not less 8 than seventy-five nor more than one thousand seven hundred fifty 9 registered voters voting at the last statewide general election. 10 The election commissioner or county clerk shall, when necessary 11 and possible, readjust precinct boundaries to coincide with the 12 boundaries of cities, villages, and school districts which are 13 divided into districts or wards for election purposes. The election 14 commissioner or county clerk shall not make any precinct changes 15 in precinct boundaries or divide precincts into two or more parts between the statewide primary and general elections unless he or 16 17 she has been authorized to do so by the Secretary of State. If changes are authorized, the election commissioner or county clerk 18 19 shall notify each state and local candidate affected by the change. 20 (2) The election commissioner or county clerk may alter 21 and divide the existing precincts, except that when any city of 22 the first class by ordinance divides any ward of such city into 23 two or more voting districts or polling places, the election 24 commissioner or county clerk shall establish precincts or polling 25 places in conformity with such ordinance. No such alteration or 26 division shall take place between the statewide primary and general 27 elections except as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) All precincts and polling places may be consolidated 1 2 for the use of electronic voting systems into fewer and larger precincts as deemed necessary and advisable by the election 3 4 commissioner or county clerk. Such precincts, consolidated for 5 electronic voting systems only, may have as many registered voters therein as deemed advisable in the interest of economy 6 7 and efficiency. At least one electronic voting device shall be 8 provided for every five hundred registered voters voting in the 9 consolidated precinct or polling place at the immediately preceding 10 general election.

- 11 Sec. 8. Section 32-947, Reissue Revised Statutes of 12 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 32-947 (1) Upon receipt of an application or other 13 14 request for a ballot to vote early, the election commissioner or 15 county clerk shall determine whether the applicant is a registered 16 voter and is entitled to vote as requested. If the election 17 commissioner or county clerk determines that the applicant is a registered voter entitled to vote early and the application was 18 19 received at or before 4 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the 20 election, the election commissioner or county clerk shall deliver 21 a ballot to the applicant in person or by mail, postage paid. 22 The election commissioner or county clerk or any employee of the 23 election commissioner or county clerk shall write or cause to be 24 affixed his or her customary signature or initials on the ballot.
- 25 (2) An unsealed identification envelope shall be 26 delivered with the ballot, and upon the back of the envelope shall 27 be printed a form substantially as follows:

1	VOTER'S OATH
2	I, the undersigned voter, declare that the enclosed
3	ballot or ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when
4	I received them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be
5	marked, enclosed in the identification envelope, and sealed in such
6	envelope.
7	To the best of my knowledge and belief, I declare under
8	penalty of election falsification that:
9	(a) I,, am a registered voter in
LO	County;
L1	(b) I reside in the State of Nebraska at the address
12	<pre>printed below;;</pre>
13	(c) I have voted the enclosed ballot and am returning it
14	in compliance with Nebraska law; and
15	(d) I have not voted and will not vote in this election
16	except by this ballot.
17	ANY PERSON WHO SIGNS THIS FORM KNOWING THAT ANY OF THE
18	INFORMATION IN THE FORM IS FALSE SHALL BE GUILTY OF ELECTION
19	FALSIFICATION, A CLASS IV FELONY UNDER SECTION 32-1502 OF THE
20	STATUTES OF NEBRASKA. THE PENALTY FOR ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS
21	IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS OR A FINE NOT TO EXCEED TEN
22	THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH.
23	I also understand that failure to complete the
24	informationsign below will invalidate my ballot.
25	Signature
26	Printed Name
27	Residence Address

1 The primary election ballot, if any, within this envelope

- 2 is a primary election ballot of the party.
- 3 Ballots contained in this envelope are for the
- 4 (primary, general, or special) election to be held on the day
- 5 of 20.. .
- 6 (3) If the ballot and identification envelope will be
- 7 returned by mail or by someone other than the voter, the election
- 8 commissioner or county clerk shall include with the ballot an
- 9 identification envelope upon the face of which shall be printed the
- 10 official title and post office address of the election commissioner
- 11 or county clerk.
- 12 (4) The election commissioner or county clerk shall also
- 13 enclose with the ballot materials:
- 14 (a) A registration application, if the election
- 15 commissioner or county clerk has determined that the applicant
- 16 is not a registered voter pursuant to section 32-945, with
- 17 instructions that failure to return the completed and signed
- 18 application indicating the residence address as it appears on the
- 19 voter's request for a ballot to the election commissioner or county
- 20 clerk by the close of the polls on election day will result in the
- 21 ballot not being counted;
- 22 (b) A registration application and the oath pursuant to
- 23 section 32-946, if the voter is without a residence address, with
- 24 instructions that the residence address of the voter shall be
- 25 deemed that of the office of the election commissioner or county
- 26 clerk of the county of the voter's prior residence and that failure
- 27 to return the completed and signed application and oath to the

1 election commissioner or county clerk by the close of the polls on

- 2 election day will result in the ballot not being counted; or
- 3 (c) Written instructions directing the voter to submit a
- 4 copy of an identification document pursuant to section 32-318.01 if
- 5 the voter is required to present identification under such section
- 6 and advising the voter that failure to submit identification to the
- 7 election commissioner or county clerk by the close of the polls on
- 8 election day will result in the ballot not being counted.
- 9 (5) The election commissioner or county clerk may enclose
- 10 with the ballot materials a separate return envelope for the
- 11 voter's use in returning his or her identification envelope
- 12 containing the voted ballot, registration application, and other
- 13 materials that may be required.
- 14 Sec. 9. Section 32-948, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 15 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 16 32-948 (1) Upon receipt of an application or request for
- 17 a ballot to vote early, the election commissioner or county clerk
- 18 shall enter in the record of early voters the applicant's name,
- 19 residence address, precinct, and subdivision of the precinct, if
- 20 any, the mailing address to which the ballots are to be sent if
- 21 different from the residence address, and the date on which the
- 22 application was received. The election commissioner or county clerk
- 23 shall also record other information in the record of early voters
- 24 as may be necessary to aid in the processing or verification of
- 25 ballots, including such information as the date ballots and related
- 26 materials were sent to the voter or picked up in person, the date
- 27 on which the ballots were voted in person or returned or received

1 by mail, or information as to the reason why a ballot could not be

- 2 issued or sent.
- 3 (2) Applications The record of early voters and
- 4 applications for such ballots shall be open to public inspection
- 5 prior to the election. The record of early voters and all
- 6 applications for such ballots shall be open to public inspection
- 7 upon completion of the election. The election commissioner or
- 8 county clerk shall make an entry in the voter's registration record
- 9 indicating that the voter has voted early in the election.
- 10 Sec. 10. Section 32-1203, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 11 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 12 32-1203 (1) Each city, village, school district, public
- 13 power district, sanitary and improvement district, metropolitan
- 14 utilities district, fire district, natural resources district,
- 15 community college area, <u>learning community coordinating council</u>,
- 16 educational service unit, hospital district, reclamation district,
- 17 and library board shall pay for the costs of nominating and
- 18 electing its officers as provided in subsection (2), (3), or (4)
- 19 of this section. If a special issue is placed on the ballot at the
- 20 time of the statewide primary or general election by any political
- 21 subdivision, the political subdivision shall pay for the costs of
- 22 the election as provided in subsection (2), (3), or (4) of this
- 23 section. The districts listed in this subsection shall furnish to
- 24 the Secretary of State and election commissioner or county clerk
- 25 any maps and additional information which the election commissioner
- 26 or county clerk may require in the proper performance of their
- 27 duties in the conduct of elections and certification of results.

(2) The charge for each primary and general election 1 shall be determined by (a) ascertaining the total cost of all 2 3 chargeable costs as described in section 32-1202, (b) dividing 4 the total cost by the number of precincts participating in the 5 election to fix the cost per precinct, (c) prorating the cost per precinct by the inked ballot inch in each precinct for each 6 7 political subdivision, and (d) totaling the cost for each precinct 8 for each political subdivision, except that the minimum charge for 9 each primary and general election for each political subdivision 10 shall be fifty dollars.

- 11 (3) In lieu of the charge determined pursuant to
 12 subsection (2) of this section, the election commissioner or
 13 county clerk may charge public power districts the fee for election
 14 costs set by section 70-610.
- 15 (4) In lieu of the charge determined pursuant to
 16 subsection (2) of this section, the election commissioner or
 17 county clerk may bill school districts directly for the costs of an
 18 election held under section 10-703.01.
- 19 Sec. 11. Section 32-1303, Reissue Revised Statutes of 20 Nebraska, is amended to read:

32-1303 (1) A petition demanding that the question of removing an elected official or member of a governing body listed in section 32-1302 be submitted to the registered voters shall be signed by registered voters equal in number to at least thirty-five percent of the total vote cast for that office in the last general election, except that (a) for an office for which more than one candidate is chosen, the petition shall be signed by registered

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voters equal in number to at least thirty-five percent of the 1 2 number of votes cast for the person receiving the most votes for such office in the last general election, (b) for a member of a 3 4 board of a Class I school district, the petition shall be signed 5 by registered voters of the school district equal in number to at least twenty-five percent of the total number of registered voters 6 7 residing in the district on the date that the recall petitions 8 are first checked out from the filing clerk by the principal 9 circulator, and (c) for a member of a governing body of a village, 10 the petition shall be signed by registered voters equal in number 11 to at least forty-five percent of the total vote cast for the 12 person receiving the most votes for that office in the last general election. The signatures shall be affixed to petition papers and 13 14 shall be considered part of the petition.

- 15 (2) Petition circulators shall conform to the 16 requirements of sections 32-629 and 32-630.
- 17 (3) The petition papers shall be procured from the filing clerk. Prior to the issuance of such petition papers, an affidavit 18 19 shall be signed and filed with the filing clerk by at least one 20 registered voter. Such voter or voters shall be deemed to be the 21 principal circulator or circulators of the recall petition. The 22 affidavit shall state the name and office of the official sought to 23 be removed, shall include in typewritten form in concise language of sixty words or less the reason or reasons for which recall 24 25 is sought, and shall request that the filing clerk issue initial 26 petition papers to the principal circulator for circulation. The 27 filing clerk shall notify the official sought to be removed by

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any method specified in section 25-505.01 or, if notification 1 2 cannot be made with reasonable diligence by any of the methods specified in section 25-505.01, by leaving a copy of the affidavit 3 4 at the official's usual place of residence and mailing a copy 5 by first-class mail to the official's last-known address. If the official chooses, he or she may submit a defense statement in 6 7 typewritten form in concise language of sixty words or less for 8 inclusion on the petition. Any such defense statement shall be 9 submitted to the filing clerk within twenty days after the official 10 receives the copy of the affidavit. The principal circulator or 11 circulators shall gather the petition pages within twenty days 12 after the receipt of the official's defense statement. The filing 13 clerk shall notify the principal circulator or circulators that the 14 necessary signatures must be gathered within thirty days from the 15 date of issuing the petitions. 16 (4) The filing clerk, upon issuing the initial petition 17 papers or any subsequent petition papers, shall enter in a record, to be kept in his or her office, the name of the principal 18 19 circulator or circulators to whom the papers were issued, the date 20 of issuance, and the number of papers issued. The filing clerk 21 shall certify on the papers the name of the principal circulator 22 or circulators to whom the papers were issued and the date they 23 were issued. No petition paper shall be accepted as part of the petition unless it bears such certificate. The principal circulator

or circulators who check out petitions from the filing clerk may

distribute such petitions to persons who may act as circulators of

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1 (5) Petition signers shall conform to the requirements

- 2 of sections 32-629 and 32-630. Each signer of a recall petition
- 3 shall be a registered voter and qualified by his or her place of
- 4 residence to vote for the office in question.
- 5 Sec. 12. Section 32-1306, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 6 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 7 32-1306 (1) If the recall petition is found to be
- 8 sufficient, the filing clerk shall notify the official whose
- 9 removal is sought and the governing body of the affected political
- 10 subdivision that sufficient signatures have been gathered.
- 11 Notification of the official sought to be removed may be by any
- 12 method specified in section 25-505.01 or, if notification cannot be
- 13 made with reasonable diligence by any of the methods specified in
- 14 section 25-505.01, by leaving such notice at the official's usual
- 15 place of residence and mailing a copy by first-class mail to the
- 16 official's last-known address.
- 17 (2) The governing body of the political subdivision shall
- 18 order an election to be held not less than thirty nor more
- 19 than forty-five seventy-five days after the notification of the
- 20 official whose removal is sought under subsection (1) of this
- 21 section, except that if any other election is to be held in that
- 22 political subdivision within ninety days after such notification,
- 23 the governing body of the political subdivision shall provide
- 24 for the holding of the recall election on the same day. All
- 25 resignations shall be tendered as provided in section 32-562. If
- 26 the official whose removal is sought resigns before the recall
- 27 election is held, the governing body may cancel the recall election

1 if the governing body notifies the election commissioner or county

- 2 clerk of the cancellation at least sixteen days prior to the
- 3 election, otherwise the recall election shall be held as scheduled.
- 4 (3) If the governing body of the political subdivision
- 5 fails or refuses to order a recall election within the time
- 6 required, the election may be ordered by the district court having
- 7 jurisdiction over a county in which the elected official serves. If
- 8 a filing clerk is subject to a recall election, the Secretary of
- 9 State shall conduct the recall election.
- 10 Sec. 13. Original sections 32-208, 32-305, 32-312,
- 11 32-615, 32-811, 32-903, 32-947, 32-948, 32-1203, 32-1303, and
- 12 32-1306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-606,
- 13 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010, are repealed.